where the lands were. He also stated that, with the degeneration of the cattle, great difficulty was experienced in securing cattle manure. He therefore suggested that grazing grounds should be set apart in every *pakuthi* as far as possible and that, in the case of *pakuthies* adjoining reserved forests, the cattle of the locality should be freely allowed to graze in the forests as in the past.

Another class of difficulty which affected cultivation related to green manure. The manure had become scarce owing to the following circumstances:—

(i) With the introduction of Kodayar water, gardens had been fast converted into wet lands.

(ii) The ryots used to obtain the timber required for agricultural implements from the forests. They were no longer permitted to do so and they had therefore to cut down the manure trees for the purpose.

(iii) With the introduction of passes and permits by the Forest Department, the people could not easily procure fuel for their use and therefore they had to fell the green manure trees for fuel.

In the absence of cattle manure and green manure, the only alternative was to use other artificial manures proposed by the Director of Agriculture. But the poverty and agricultural indebtedness of the people had made it impossible for them to go in for those manures. He therefore requested that the Government should permit the ryots to collect green manure from the reserved forests free of all cost.

The Member proceeded to point out the need for the extension of cultivation and the demand for more land for the same. He suggested that portions of the forests which were suitable for cultivation should be assigned to the ryots at reduced rates of *tharavila* and assessment.

In conclusion, he requested that the Government might be pleased to improve the practical utility of the Agricultural Department by widening its scope of activities, that an economic and industrial survey of the State be started to ascertain the economic condition of the people and that a Committee composed of officials and non-officials be appointed to enquire into the difficulties of cultivation in South Travancore and to devise measures to overcome the same.

Dewan's reply.—The representations of the Member in regard to levy of Court-fees will be referred to the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil for report and necessary orders issued to see that no fees not contemplated by the Regulation are levied on applications.

The other representations and suggestions of the Member will be referred to the Heads of Departments concerned and necessary action taken on receipt of their reports.

45. The desirability of establishing a manure and seed depot in the Chirayinkil taluk.

Mr. K. N. Parameswaran Pillai (Member, Chirayinkil taluk) said that paddy and cocoanut cultivation formed the main occupation of the people of the taluk. The ryots experienced much difficulty in getting the required manure from within the taluk, and they were unable to go to Quilon and other places to procure it, in view of their poverty and the heavy transport charges. He therefore prayed for the establishment of a manure and seed depot in the taluk, and added that it would be of benefit not only to the people of the taluk, but also to the agriculturists of five *pakuthies* in the Nedumangad and Trivandrum taluks.

Dewan's reply.—The Director of Agriculture will be asked to report on the Member's representation.

46. The necessity for an economic and industrial survey of the State and for devising a scheme for the development of its economic and industrial resources.

Mr. C. Sankara Menon, B. A., B. L. (Member, T. I. C., Quilon) pointed out that the subject had been pressed on the attention of the Government during the previous sessions of the Assembly and that it was time that the Government abandoned the old *laissez-faire* policy in the matter and grappled with the question seriously. The economic disturbance brought about by the European war had opened the eyes of the people and the Governments in India and in England to the solution of the many problems connected with industries and commerce and various

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